

**Board of Directors Minutes
Tennessee Bridge Association, Unit 144
November 19, 2011**

BOARD MEMBERS Present

President – Tom Dixon	
Vice President – Larry Alexander	Pat Papachristou
Treasurer- Jody Couch	Henry Francis
Secretary -Judy Knox	Melody Patterson

The meeting was called to order by Tom Dixon at the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club at 11:30am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes previously emailed by Judy Knox were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Jody Couch, Treasurer read the Report and walked us through the numbers. See exhibit A attached for Treasurer’s report. There was much discussion about the Unit Finances and about the Tunica Tournament finances.

Unit 144 Annual Membership Meeting

The meeting will be held on December 3, 2011. The annual election of new board members will also take place at that time. V.T. Gala will be in charge of counting the votes. He will ask 2 or 3 others to help him. Tom wants to be involved with the procedure to count the votes. We need someone to man the voting booth for people who will vote on Saturday. Tom will be cooking and won’t have time. Someone has to check off people’s names as they vote. We need a list of Unit 144 members for area I. Judy Knox will bring a Unit 144 member roster. Judy Knox and Jody Couch will man the voting booth for voting to start at 12 noon on December 3rd. We have to check in all absentee ballots before noon. Tom said they will start counting the votes at 5 or 5:30 pm. If there are any other votes that come in after that, they will be counted during the meeting. That way the people who count will be able to play.

The following rules regarding valid ballots were agreed to unanimously by all Board Members:

1. If nothing is on the outside of the envelope, the ballot will be destroyed.
2. If a name is on the outside of the envelope and the ACBL number is not there, the ballot will be destroyed.
3. If the ACBL number is on the outside of the envelope and no name is there, but we can identify the member by their ACBL number the vote will be counted.
4. If there are 2 ballots with the same number, they will both be destroyed.
5. A motion was made by Kathy Love and seconded by Henry Francis that we will not staple the envelopes to the backs of the ballots. The ballots will be opened and the envelopes will be thrown away or kept in a box until all votes are counted. Four Board members approved this motion and 3 abstained. The motion passed.

Donna Touliatos will help decorate and present the dinner. Al Stone will buy wine and beer. The Menu is Beef Brisket, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls and dessert. The following people will make scalloped potatoes:

- + Cary Rodgers – 1
- + Donna Touliatos – 2
- + Kathy Love – 2
- + Judy Knox – 1
- + Jody Couch – 1
- + Larry Alexander – 1
- + Jackie Stewart – 1
- + Joanne Bird – 1

The following people will bring desserts:

- + Melody – 3
- + Judy – 1
- + Kathy – 1
- + Pat – 2
- + Judy to call Ellen and see if she can get 4 more people to bring desserts.

Everything seems to be in place and ready for the Annual meeting and Area I director’s election and Holiday dinner.

Nate Silverstein Sectional – Judy Knox and Sherry Thaxton Tournament Co-Chairs

Jackie Stewart volunteered to be the hospitality chair for this year's tournament. The tournament fliers are out at the Clubs and on the unit web page. We will need to start announcing for people to bring food for hospitality in December at all the club games. We need volunteers to come on Jan. 4, Wed. night at 5:30 pm to help set up tables and bid boxes. Larry Alexander, Tom Dixon, Melody Patterson and Steve Hodorowski will come to help set up tables and put out the bid boxes. I will buy wine and beer from Alex Jekyl. I will rent an S.U.V if it is not too expensive. We will have a 299er Swiss Team this year if we have 6 tables. If we don't have 6 tables of 299ers, they will have to play with the open Teams. I have to check with the Hotel and Charlie MacCracken about the lighting and about the air conditioner and about the mirrors. We need them to give us something to cover the mirrors. Everything is ready and good to go for the Nate Silverstein Tournament. We would like to give Section tops this year and I would suggest \$2.00 bills for Section tops. I also suggest we give an NABC tournament advertising item for registration gifts. I am also going to rent an SUV if it is not too expensive. My brother is coming from Atlanta to Caddie and haul tables.

The next Board Meeting will be on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 12:30 pm.

There being no other Unit business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Tom Dixon at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox
Secretary Unit 144

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